

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3056–3072; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 552–554, were introduced. **Pages H7981–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7982–84**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–236). **Page H7981**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7855**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7855**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Billy F. Hudgins, Cross Creek Community Church, Hokes Bluff, Alabama. **Page H7855**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007: H.R. 980, amended, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 314 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 633. **Pages H7859–66, H7871–72**

Improving America's Security Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1, to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H7868–73, H7878**

Agreed to the Blackburn motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 354 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 635. **Pages H7869–71, H7873**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Homeland Security for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thompson (MS), Loretta Sanchez (CA), Dicks, Harman, Lowey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Christensen, Etheridge, Langevin, Cuellar, Al Green (TX) Perlmutter, King (NY), Smith (TX), Souder, Tom Davis (VA), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), Rogers (AL), McCaul (TX), Dent, and Ginny Brown-Waite (FL). **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of secs. 1202, 1211, 1221, 1232, 1233,

and 1241 of the House bill, and section 703 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Skelton, Spratt, and Saxton. **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of Title I, Title II, secs. 743 and 901 of the House bill, and Title III, secs. 1002, 1481, 1482, 1484, and Title XVII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Dingell, Markey, and Barton (TX). **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 601, 1202, 1211, 1221, 1222, 1232, 1233, 1241, 1302, 1311, 1312, 1322, 1323, 1331–1333, 1412, 1414, 1422, 1431, and 1441–1443 of the House bill, and secs. 502, 1301, Title XVIII, secs. 1911–1913, and 1951 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Lantos, Ackerman, and Ros-Lehtinen. **Page H7878**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 406, 501, 601, 702, and Title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 123, 501–503, 601–603, 1002, and 1432 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Conyers, Zoe Lofgren (CA), and Sensenbrenner. **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sec. 408 and subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 114, 601, 602, 903, 904, 1203, 1205, and 1601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waxman, Clay, and Issa. **Page H7878**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of secs. 601, 712, 723, 732, 733, 741, 742, and subtitle A of title VIII of the House bill, and secs. 111–113, 121, 122, 131, 502, 601, 602, 703, 1201–1203, 1205, 1206, and 1606 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Reyes, Cramer, and Hoekstra. **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of secs. 703, 1301, 1464, 1467, and 1507 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gordon (TN), Wu, and Gingrey. **Page H7878**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of Titles I–III, sec. 1002, and Title XI of the House bill, and secs. 202, 301, Title IV, secs. 801–803, 807, 901, 1001, 1002, 1101–1103, 1422–1424, 1426, 1427, 1429, 1430, 1433, 1436–1438, 1441, 1443, 1444, 1446, 1449,

1464, 1473, 1503, and 1605 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, DeFazio, and Mica.

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For consideration of Title II of the House bill, and Title III and subtitle C of title XIV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representative Larson (CT).

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 112 nays, Roll No. 641. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, June 19th.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2641 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 481, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk.

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Agreed to:

Rothman amendment that prohibits funds from being used for the Green Maintenance Building in North Bergen, New Jersey.

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Rejected:

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Achieving a College Education Program at Maricopa Community Colleges;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Alliance for NanoHealth;

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Hensarling amendment (No. 36 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Environmental Science Center at the University of Dubuque, Iowa;

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Hensarling amendment (No. 38 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for Roosevelt University Biology Laboratory equipment;

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Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Center for Instrumented Critical Infrastructure in Pennsylvania (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 636);

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Hensarling amendment (No. 35 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the South Carolina HBCU Science and Technology Initiative (by a recorded vote of 70 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 637);

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Hensarling amendment (No. 37 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Emmanuel Col-

lege Center for Science Partnership (by a recorded vote of 79 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 638);

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Hensarling amendment (No. 39 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that sought to prohibit the use of funds for Nanosys, Inc. (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 639); and

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Campbell (CA) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for any earmark listed in the bill (by a recorded vote 39 ayes to 388 noes, Roll No. 640).

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H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 19th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the issuance of an Executive Order blocking property of persons determined to be in a position to threaten the peace and stability of Iraq or to undermine efforts to promote economic reconstruction and political reform in Iraq or to provide humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–47).

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Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 3043, to make appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 18th.

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Agreed to:

Reichert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$2,500,000;

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McCaul (TX) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Special Education by \$2 million;

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Shays amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Labor Relations Board by \$500,000;

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Wasserman Schultz amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$3.5 million;

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Smith (NJ) amendment that increases funding for the National Cord Blood Stem Cell Program by \$11,037,000; and

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Musgrave amendment that reduces funding for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis by \$175,000.

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Rejected:

McKeon amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, under the Education for the Disadvantaged heading by \$75 million; **Pages H7930–31**

Shays amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$8,300,000 (including \$1,500,000 for the National Service Trust);

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Kline (MN) amendment that sought to increase funding for the Employment Standards Administration by \$2,016,000 and to reduce funding under the Departmental Management heading in Title I by \$3 million (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 642);

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Platts amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, under the Education for the Disadvantaged heading by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 643);

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Marchant amendment that seeks to reduce funding under the Departmental Management heading in Title I by \$58,419,000 (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 277 noes, Roll No. 644);

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Jindal amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 645); and

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Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that seeks to strike section 111 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 646).

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Point of Order sustained against:

Garrett (NJ) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the National Cancer Institute by \$10 million.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Stearns amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$12.5 million and to increase funding, by offset, for Higher Education by \$12.5 million;

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Jindal amendment that seeks to redirect \$37,200,000 in funding within the Health Resources and Services Administration account; and

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Barton (TX) amendment that seeks to strike the proviso on page 36, beginning at line 5, relating to funding for metropolitan or transitional areas under part A of title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act.

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H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

232 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 634, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation: Upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, Representative Blumenauer and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Representative Pitts.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7855.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 41 and S. Con. Res. 27 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7984–95.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7871–72, H7872, H7873, H7893–94, H7894, H7895, H7895–96, H7896, H7897–98, H7955–56, H7956, H7956–57, H7957–58 and H7958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

BUDGETING TO FIGHT WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Budgeting to Fight Waste, Fraud, and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary; and Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Linda Stiff, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Support, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, SSA; and M. Patricia Smith, Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of New York.

FDA FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?—Part 2." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and